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According to reports of at least two witnesses who were not very far away, the car was traveling south at a pretty fast clip and no effort was made to drive down to the temporary bridge, but the machine was headed straight across, making the rather hasty journey in just a few seconds. It was stated that the floor of the bridge where the car went off is some twelve or fifteen feet above the level of the canal. There was no water in the canal at the time of the accident.

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Christmas Baskets To Be Distributed By C. C. And Other Clubs And Groups

United Effort Will Be Made To Give Cheer And Happiness To All Unfortunate Families In Elba Territory

Every boy and girl in this section of the county as well as their parents, will have at least a small amount of happiness and good cheer on the approaching Christmas Day, according to plans made Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from all clubs, churches, organizations, etc., in the city unanimously approved the idea of a combined effort in distributing Christmas baskets to the unfortunate and needy families in this area.

For several years past baskets have been distributed by at least a part of the organizations represented at Tuesday night's meeting, but this year an effort will be made to do the job on a larger scale with more clubs taking part.

Following a very enthusiastic discussion of the matter by members of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a number of ladies representing other organizations, a committee has been named to handle this most worthy cause. The committee is composed of representatives of all clubs and institutions which it is thought will take part in the undertaking. (Should there be any others they are cordially invited and urged to take part.)

The committee will meet next Monday evening at the vocational building to formulate plans for this work. Names of the clubs and their representatives on the committee are given below:

Bridge Clubs—Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Miss Zula Rowe, Mrs. Roy Ellis.

Study Clubs—Mrs. W. C. Braswell, Mrs. Roberta Childs.

West Elba—Mrs. F. D. Veal.

Eastern Star—Mrs. J. C. Dixon.

Welfare Department—Mrs. Kathleen Ellis.

Baptist Church—Sam Sawyer.

Methodist Church—Mrs. F. H. Murphree.

Church of Christ—Mrs. James English.

Headquarters—Dr. J. A. Crittenden, Miss Margaret Stevens.

City School—J. C. Dixon.

County Schools—A. C. Dunaway.

C. C.—J. M. Garrett.

Macons—J. A. Carnley.

Boy Scouts—Dorothy Roberts.

Members of each of the organizations mentioned as well as other citizens of the city will be asked to help in this work of spreading Christmas cheer to those who are less fortunate and who might not otherwise be remembered on this happy occasion when joy and happiness should be the lot of each and every one.

Mr. J. J. Maddox, Oldest Citizen In Elba, Died Monday

Mr. Jesse J. Maddox, widely known Coffee County citizen, Elba's oldest resident and a man loved and respected by hundreds of friends throughout the county, passed away at the home of his son, M. C. Maddox, on Smith Avenue Monday morning. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Mr. Maddox was born in the State of Georgia, where he lived until 1848, and moved to Alabama with his parents at the age of six years. His life was spent in Coffee with the exception of about two years when he lived in a Covington County, Ga. home.

Mr. Maddox is a member of one of the county's largest families, counting all the family connections and in his immediate family there are nine living children. His wife died many years ago and five of the children born to them have passed on.

Surviving are seven sons, Messrs. M. C. Maddox, J. B. Maddox, I. B. Maddox, J. C. Maddox, J. D. Maddox, J. E. Maddox, and J. F. Maddox. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lulu Goodson of New Brockton and Mrs. Ida Wambles of Andalusia. He also leaves 67 grand children and 93 great grand children. Two sisters, Mrs. Laura McCollough and Mrs. Katherine Spurlin, also survive.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Mr. W. D. Patrick, and John Benton, Jr. of Opp attended the groom as best man. Preceding entrance of the bride, Miss Dorothy Smith lighted the tapers.

The attractive bride wore a becoming gown of teal blue with wine accessories with corsage of Talia-ma roses and gardenias.

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MISS HUTCHISON WEDS CLEMMENT FOX JORDAN

Miss Katharine Sue Hutchison, only daughter of Mrs. R. O. Hutchison of Florida, was married to Clement Fox Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Jordan, of Opp, formerly of Dothan, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patrick, in Florida with the Rev. John D. Maguire of the First Baptist Church of Florida performing the ceremony, Thursday afternoon, November 24, at two o'clock.

Only members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends witnessed this simple but impressive marriage performed in the attractive home setting before an improvised altar formed of massed ferns, palms, smilax and white specimen chrysanthemums. Lovely poinsettias and colorful autumn leaves were also effectively used in the living and dining rooms. Over this scene burning white tapers shed a soft glow.

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NEW PASTOR HERE SUNDAY

According to information received by Rev. W. J. Hughes, who returned to Elba Monday afternoon from the annual conference, Rev. J. C. Vickers and his family will come to Elba today to take up their residence in the parsonage on Rushing Street. The new pastor will preach at the regular service here next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and also at the evening service at 7:00 o'clock.

Members of the church are urged to be present Sunday for the first service of the new year with the new pastor. All others are invited and will receive a cordial welcome.

The Troy District will also have a new presiding elder, Rev. Carl Preer, who was assigned to succeed Rev. B. C. Glenn who has served during the past four years.

Rev. Glenn was assigned to Troy District, where he has been serving at Marianna, Fla. Rev. Preer was pastor of the Auburn District, where the conference was held.

A committee was named by the conference to work out plans and schedule a meeting place for the 1939 conference, and it has been suggested that all conferences in the future be held in Montgomery. The committee, however, will announce the place at a later date.

ATHLETIC CENTER BEING PLANNED BY GROUP HERE

Formation of an association whose purpose it is to construct a building suitable for housing athletic events and indoor games was announced at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday evening. Quite a bit of preliminary work has already been done. Those who are sponsoring the movement state that such a building, where basketball games, tennis, skating, etc., could be indulged in would be a fine thing for the city and would tend to hold the young people at home, many of whom are now seeking these diversions in other places.

Plans call for a non-profit corporation to handle the matter, and funds will be raised by selling shares of stock. It was stated that several shares of stock had already been sold and a committee will make a canvass for the sale of other shares. Definite announcement as to the location of the building has not yet been made. Sponsors are greatly encouraged over the response they have received so far and are hoping that further announcement can be made within the next few days.

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